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SUBJECT: FMCT: GERMAN COMMENTS ON U.S. PROPOSAL

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Classified By: Acting Political Minister-Counselor John Lister; reasons
1.4(b) and (d).

(C) Poloff delivered the message in reftel June 8 to Hellmut Hoffmann, Director of the MFA's Office of Nuclear Nonproliferation Policy. Responding to our points, Hoffmann said that Germany welcomed the USG's proposal to begin negotiations on a Fissile Material Cutoff Treaty (FMCT). He underlined that the German government also does not want linkages made to other issues at the Conference on Disarmament. Insisting that Germany wants to approach the matter "pragmatically", Hoffmann added that, while Germany would not stand in the way of opening FMCT negotiations on the basis of the USG proposal, Berlin was not abandoning its long-held view that a verification regime of some kind ultimately would be desirable.
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